Sl.	Name of complainant	Subject	Action
4.	Alluru Arjunaraju, President, All India Rajiv Gandhi Brigade, (AP)	West Godawari Units — benami Units sanctioned enquiry regarding.	Issue sent to Dy. ECEO (s.z.) for investigation.
5.	Tholkappiyan, Kambar Illam.	Complaint against Shri J. Anandan, ADO (NCE)	Issue forwarded to the State Director for its investigation. Report awaited.

Disbursement of pension through Nationalised Banks under the Employees' Pension Scheme

2409. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to disburse pension through nationalised banks across the country and provding automatic crediting of it to pensioners' account every month under the Employees' Pension Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives;

(c) whether Government propose to further liberalise and simplify the Employees' Pension Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Arrangements for disbursement of pension through Natioalised Banks have been finalised in all the sixteen regions of Employees Provident Fund Organisation.

(c) and (d) Liberalisation and simplification of the Scheme is an on-going process. Accordingly, amendments in the Scheme are made as and when necessary.

Import of Green Coffee

2410. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government propose to import green coffee when the indigenous production is adequate to meet the requirement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details of the quantity (with value in foreign exchange) proposed to be imported and the indigenous production as against the demand; and

(c) the overall impact on the indigenous growers and the prices of coffee in the open market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Complaints of Non-Payment of Post-Retirement Benefits Under VRS

2411. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are complaints of non-payment of post-retirement benefits to the employees who take retirement under VRS in Central Sector Undertakings; and

if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to ensure such payment?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Ministry of Labour received a complaint regarding non-payment of dues to the employees of a unit of NTC

located in West Bengal who had superannuated under VRS. The matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Industry and the administrative Ministry for appropriate action.

Basis of Allotment of Levy Sugar to Various States

2412. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government allots levy sugar to the States on the basis of the population of 1991 census; and

(b) if so, why Government of India cannot allot levy sugar on the basis of projected population of 1996, when the production of sugar is reported to be good?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Despite improvement in sugar production for the past two sugar seasons (October-September) i.e. 1994-95 and 1995-96, the availability of levy sugar has yet to attain stability to the extent needed for allocating it on the basis of the projected population of 1996.

Identification of new potential coal mines for exploration

2413. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of coal mines presently under exploration in the country and how long the coal deposits in these mines are expected to last;

(b) whether Government have taken any action to identify new potential coal mines for exploration;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the deposits are too deep to make mining un-economical;

(e) whether Government have conducted any study to find out the feasibility of direct gasification of coal; and

(f) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) Geological Survey of India (GSI) has recently carried out/been carrying out regional exploration for coal in 48 blocks/sectors/areas spread over 14 coalfields.

As on 1.1.1996, the coal reserves of India (down to a depth of 1200 metres) have been assessed by the Geological Survey of India at about 202 billion tonnes, out of which about 70.5 billion tonnes fall in the proved category. These coal reserves are likely to last over 100 years even at enhanced rate of production to meet the increased future demand. The quantity of coal mined every day during 1995-96 was 0.9 million tonne, on an average.

(d) The mining of deeper deposits which have to be necessarily worked by underground techniques, in most cases particularly, of the lower grades (D, E & F) under the current price sturcture of coal is proving to be uneconomical.

(e) and (f) A science and technology scheme of underground coal gasification was taken up in collaboration with the erstwhile Union of Soviet Socialist Republic in Merta Road lignite deposits of Rajasthan. The Soviet Experts concluded that the scheme was technologically feasible. However, since the area is solely dependent on acquifers for water source, it was not considered proper to disturb these acquifers in any way.

गुजरात में इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित करने हेतु भूमि का अधिग्रहण

2414. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित करने हेतु गुजरात के किसी जिले के अंतर्गत किसी क्षेत्र की पहचान की है;